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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Advisory Committee on Structural Safety of Department of Veterans Affairs Facilities, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, that a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Structural Safety of Department of Veterans Affairs Facilities will be held on April 25-26, 2013, in Room 6W405, 425 I Street, NW, Washington, DC. The sessions will be from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. on April 25 and from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. on April 26. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on matters of structural safety in the construction and remodeling of VA facilities and to recommend standards for use by VA in the construction and alteration of its facilities.

On April 25, the Committee will review developments in the fields of fire safety issues and structural design as they relate to seismic and other natural hazards impact on the safety of buildings. On April 26, the Committee will receive appropriate briefings and presentations on current seismic, natural hazards, and fire safety issues that are particularly relevant to facilities owned and leased by the Department. The Committee will also discuss appropriate structural and fire safety recommendations for inclusion in VA's construction standards.

No time will be allocated for receiving oral presentations from the public. However, the Committee will accept written comments. Comments should be sent to Krishna K. Banga, Senior Structural Engineer, Facilities Standards Service, Office of Construction and Facilities Management (003C2B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, or emailed at Krishna.banga@va.gov. Those wishing to attend or seeking additional information should contact Mr. Banga at (202) 632-4694.

Dated: April 3, 2013

By Direction of the Secretary:

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Committee Management Officer

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